

Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. Senator, do you want to offer your amendment now or do you want to explain your bill?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'd like to offer the amendment.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend, Madam President, by adding the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, the amendment is simply to add the E clause which would mean that the bill had to have 33 votes on Final Reading. The reason that we're asking this is because the bill needs to be enacted and in place by March 6, 1993 and I suppose there is a possibility that we might not, well we could not get it done in time to do that. So with that I will explain the bill after you've acted on the motion to add the emergency clause. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Does anyone wish to speak to this amendment. Seeing none, we will vote on the Schimek amendment to LB 47. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted and I will recognize Senator Schimek for the opening on the bill itself.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, again, this bill came out of Business and Labor Committee yesterday with a seven to nothing vote. It's a bill that was brought to me by the Department of Labor and it involves federal extended unemployment compensation. That is...the purpose of that federal program is to provide additional benefits for workers who have no further benefits available to them through the regular state unemployment compensation program. And I might add that extended benefits have traditionally been paid in states that have high unemployment rates. There haven't been any extended benefits paid in Nebraska since 1981. What we're talking about here, the EUCA program as something separate from that extended benefits program. EUCA benefits did become payable in Nebraska beginning in November of 1991 and from July